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November 7, 1978

Hawson, Ida Howard 201-5,603

A review of this file indicates that it is very old with documents
dating back to 1946. There is no 201 file opening sheet in the file.
Most of the documents in the file are third agency documents primarily
from the FBI.

Background (from 27 July 1951 Berks, Cliff, NH to COS, Mexico City)

DOB: 25 September, 1894 (or 1895) in New York City or Long Island

Hawson was a motion picture writer in Hollywood who reportedly
had been a member of the Communist Party since 1934. He was allegedly
one of the most important persons in the Communist movement in Holly-
wood in the late 1930's. Hawson served a 1-year sentence from 1950-51
for contempt of Congress for refusal to testify before the House Committee
on Un-American activities in Oct, 1947.

The file indicates that:

- 1) Hawson planned to travel in Eastern Europe for approximately 1 year
beginning in May 1961.
- 2) The Cuban Institute of Motion Picture Arts & Industry expressed an
interest, during 1961, in having Hawson as a teacher & film writer.
Correspondence was arranged through:

Sofia Alvaro de VELASCO, Patricio Saz 36, Departamento 6, Mexico 12,
D.F., Mexico and Luisa PROENZA Proenza (201-291531), at the Cuban
Embassy in Mexico.

The file does not state exactly when Hawson went to the USSR. Information
from an FBI Report on Hawson dated 18 Dec 61 indicates that Hawson is
in a sanitarium near Moscow & plans to remain in Soviet Union for
about 8 months after his release to work with movie industry.

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A copy of an index card re Hawkes' notes:

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28 Nov. 63

Card indicates that Hawkes is a "U.S. screen script writer" & is residing in
Moscow as of 1963.

Title-Title: John Hawkes Loose Documents

Report #10.51 dated 28 Nov. 63 reports info. re Hawkes in Moscow from a
source, "VIA DUCT". Source describes Hawkes' attitude & treatment
in Moscow; also states that Hawkes has now returned to U.S.

Title-Title: Hawkes, John Howard Loose Documents

Contains only reports in which Hawkes is mentioned.

^{No} indication appears of any CIA contact w/ Hawkes following his
return from the USSR.

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Betty Wolf
November 7, 1978

Frank, Richard Cyril House Documents

Lead information refers to 201-191098 (Susan Helgeman Frank)

R.C. Frank has no separate 201 file.

A 28 Oct. 71 memo lists R.C. Frank as having traveled to China in 1971.

Also contains a 20 Sept. 71 document from Dept. of State (unveloped)

One other file is only third agency documents.

There is no indication here that Richard Frank ever traveled to the Soviet Union.

Machine listing ("Expanded Computer List of U.S. Persons Defecting
to USSR During 1958-1963) indicates that Frank:

- Arrived in Prague ca. 5 Dec. 59; planned to depart ca. 16 June 60.
- Resided in Beijing to study puppet files between June 1960-May 1961.
- Traveled to USSR in May 1961 en route to U.S.

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Winston, Harry 201-6887

201 Personality File Action Request - No opening form; just an amendment

Note: None listed From: Billard Ober : JK CIOP/AD

A review of this file indicates documents dating back to 1952. In the mid-1950s, Winston is described as an "American fugitive communist," believed to be hiding in Costa Rica. On 16 April 56 dispatch indicates that Winston was apprehended ~~in 1955~~ - dispatch is from Managua. Winston was released in 1961 and went to USSR in 1961 as delegate to 22 Congress CPSU. Retired to US in Feb. 1964.

Files contain primarily 3rd agency materials.

Files " no indication that CIA ever contacted Winston.

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